# The Primal-Dual Hybrid Gradient Method for Semiconvex Splittings 

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- Remark: many other possibilities exist for nonsmooth nonconvex optimization


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